WASHINGTON, D. O., SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 15, 1906.



AMERICAN LEAGUE PARK AS IT APPEARED AT THE OPENING GAME OF THE SEASON YESTERDAY BETWEEN THE NATIONALS AND THE PHILADELPHIAS.

ATHLETICS WON FROM NATIONALS

A Record-Breaking Crowd Saw a Fast Game With an Exciting Finish That Nearly Pulled Victory Out of Defeat.

neart-disease finish between the Nationals and the Athletics in the opening game of the nineteen-six season. And fourteen thouand is a conservative estimate, for the faithful turnstiles registered 12,964, and this doesn't include the "frees" and the overthe fence specialists who turned out in good

But a thousand or so doesn't make any difference in this particular instance. It was admittedly the higgest crowd that ever turned out to see a Washington ball team sening day, double-header, or Il up. 160, for had the Nationals trimmed itors in the ninth-and it looked for smoke long ago. But Stanley's nearly-good try hopped in the basket, and so there's some holler left over for next time.

No kicks coming on the weather. The tempered breeze blowing from down south mainspring of an unacclimated llama, much less the tempered flippers of a bunch of conditioned diamond specialists, and the weather man didn't act nasty until long

The score—if anybody is dead anxious to ing on the top step. But, cutting out staistics, it was a mighty even scrap, with Poor Lo Bender having a shade the better of the box argument over Hughes. Stahl and Nill, for the Home Sweet Home de-partment, and Monte Cross for the Dreamowns, contributed the only specimens of ommon or garden errors. And does that boy Schalfly look good? Did he handle himself like the real thing?

Just ask any fan who saw the game. He'l tell you a few things. He may not put out the same lines of conversation next week. of a fan are right changeable things. But as if Schality had won himself a home. rubber-lined shoulder swing that are remialscent in some slight degree of the Cleve-land Napoleon. And he doesn't wait for fore he begins to move. He's after it terday afternoon he developed more energy than a per diem government employe on labor day. Which is moving some.

National park is a right sizeable place In the good old days of "what's the use"

nt read the rlot act to the muck-rake rigade, it's right hard for anybody who

Mes-bless 'em-were out in force. There were lots of gleams from their swell lamps in that anglia pectoris period of the ninth and the line of horsehide lingo and diamond utterances of Billy Baxter and Georgie Ad

didn't make anybody unhappy-and the game was a strictly no-flowers affair. Our once during the afternoon, and even the fair-haired willing worker didn't grab off a bunch of orchids. In fact, there were very few frills, but plenty of base ball to make up the difference.

Pistorio's band leading the members of the warring aggregations in a sun dance that wound up with a march from outfield to infield and up to the plate. And there was some music to stir 14,000 base ball pulses that didn't need it a little bit. It was a mighty patient crowd and seemed

Fourteen thousand enthusiastic fans yelped themselves foolish out at American League Park yesterday afternoon over a full of ginger and things, and let off a little steam giving the impartial glad hand to every clever stunt pulled off in the practice period. But everybody was glad when, after the megaphonically inclined young man announced Hughes and Hayden, Ben-der and Schreck as the batteries, the practicing Nationals were gonged off the field, the teams lined up, Athletics at the bat, and President Ban Johnson of the American League, who was standing next to President Noyes of the Washington club, shied the erange into the lot.

> Rousing Reception for Every One. After that there was heaps of noise. Every man of the home aggregation got a balls.

the batting list. It wasn't any Chautauqua the limelight of approval by soaking a sin-affair, this glad hand. Fourteen thousand gle into left, and Schaifty scooted across people can make a heap of noise when they the plate. Hickman tried to go to third on settle down to it, and vesterday afternoon the hit, but Seybold made a good throw to was their cut-up day. There wasn't any chill in the air for anybody.

And throughout the game, whenever there

was a chance to turn loose a yeip, the crowd was there with the goods. Schalfly got a fine line of home-made thunder, Lave Cross came in for a nice parcel of the same, and everybody on the firing line had a sample. There were no favorites played on the opening day. Besides, there was

"Silk" wiggled the indicator during the performance and was Johnny on the spot from the jump. He had half a dozen mighty close decisions to handle, but it didn't worry him to speak of. He's the same consistent performer as of yore, and his familiar "S-t-r-i-k-e one!" and "Ball tuh!" were nough to bring tears to the eyes.

Altogether it was a great day, and the faithful hit the home trail impressed with the idea that in the Nationals Washington has a sure-enough ball team, a bunch of horsehide experts who will give a good account of themselves, barring the operations of the hoodoo, and be a credit to this little burg on the Potomac. This is the way the

game looked from the tower: Well Played and Exciting.

Notwithstanding the two errors of the Nationals and one for the Athletics, the game was well played and of the most exciting sort. All three misplays were on easy chances, and probably occurred through over-anxiety to make quick plays. The Indian, Bender, clearly outpitched Tom Hughes, but the Carlisle boy was certainly basking in the smiles of the goddess of luck. On several occasions the local batters hammered the ball for keeps, but, unfortunately, directly at players or so that the opposing occasions drove out the ball on a line, bu the hits resulted in great stops by Brouthers and Murphy, and each time he was th first man up, and a good start counts double in base ba \ Anderson and Cross were also sufferers in the same way.

Brilliant plays were as numerous as mos uitoes in New Jersey in August, and the spectators were kept almost continuously in their feet cheering like mad the sensa tional work on both sides. In the third inning Harry Davis had reached first by forcing Brouthers, when Murphy drove a fine single into right. He turned second as the ball was going into right and speede Hickman came in on the ball, got it on a bound and, by a beautiful throw to Cross, cut off Davis by fully six feet. at first, and the ex-Quaker repeated this performance in the eighth on a similar drive by Hoffman. Nill and Stahl pulled off a pretty double play on Davis and Brouthers in the seventh, when the visitor most beautifully throughout the game, while Charley Jones pulled down flies in cente field in his most approved style. Manage Stahl led his side with the stick, getting tw singles, but the hits of Cross and Heydon were of the timely sort and drove runs over

For the visitors, Bender made a great one hand catch of Anderson's line hit through box that was assuredly ticketed fo safe territory: Brouthers froze on to a lin Murphy killed off two hard drives, getting the ball back of second and throwing the

batters out at first. Inning Full of Excitement.

The dyed-in-the-wool rooters had their final inning of the game, and then the exscore stood 4 to 1, and Bender was going so well that the scoring of a run appeared to be among the impossibilities, but the veteran Cross enlivened things by hitting safely into center. Then Anderson hit apuzzling roller to Monte Cross, and the clever shortstop made an inglorious foozle and both runners were safe.

This situation made the spectators jum the base ball fanatic's breast, they shouted like mad as they saw a possible victory loming up. Stahl made a gallant effort to get the ball into safe territory, but Murphy, by a dashing effort, got in its way and quickly shot it to first in time to retire the third and second, respectively, with only one out and Jones at the bat. The popular fielder was fooled by Bender's quick downshoots, and as a result was called out on

strikes, while the crowd yelled its disapproval at the umpire. Hayden then came to the bat, but little was expected of him. as Bender had fanned him twice. "Mac' the sphere sailed on a line into left center for two bases and Cross and Anderson

Such yelling and shouting is seldom heard, the gladsome cries bringing back the hundreds who were passing through the gates as a chance at least to tle the score was in sight. Joe Stanley, the Washington boy, was then sent up in place of Hughes, and the lad made a splendid try to get the ball safe, but once more the irrepressible Murphy was "Johnny on the spot," and the sphere was gobbled up and shot to first in time to be a sent to be a sent to the spot. time to head off the batter by a step. It was a great finish to an enjoyable game.

How the Runs Were Made.

Both sides got busy in the run-scoring line in the first inning. Hartsel got a base on balls and Hoffman went out to Stahl unassisted, the first named taking second. Brouthers followed with a fast roller to short and Nill fumbled it, Hartsel taking third. Davis then hit a line single into left and Hartsel rushed home. Hughes then cut loose with his best speed and struck out Seybold and Murphy.

For the Nationals, Nill flied out to Murphy, but Sabala, possibled a boss or her way.

phy, but Schalfly negotiated a base on balls. "Hick" then tried to kill the ball, safe on first. Lave Cross then bobbed into Brouthers at third and he was out by sev-

Three ciphers followed and then the Athletics shot to the front in the fifth inning, scoring one run. Brouthers hit a fast one toward left that Nill gathered in accurately and threw straight into Stahl's hands, but the latter muffed the ball, and, with his usual hard luck, the misplay resulted in a run. Davis went out, Cross to Stahl, Brouthers taking second. Sevbold followed with an out, Schalfly to Stahl, and then Mr. Murphy butted into the game with a fine single to left and Brouthers chased home. Monte Cross closed the inning by flying out

In the eighth the Athletics scored two more runs, to the accompanying groans of the hard-losing Washingtonians. Murphy led off with a double to center that should have been a single, but the ball struck a lump just as Jones was setting himself for it and it bounded over his head into the crowd. Schreck then doubled to left, the ball striking exactly on the foul line another slice of luck-and Murphy scored. Bender followed with a single into left, but the ball was returned so quickly by Anderson that Schreck had to scamper back to "Topsy" Hartsel sent out on a long fly to Hickman and Schreck rushed home after the ball had been caght. Hoffman closed the inning with an out at first, Nill

Then followed the glorious ninth, as be fore described, and the game was over. Umpire O'Loughlin came in for some harsh criticism on two different occasions, but from the press box it looked as though he was right in both instances. "Silk" is very popular in this town, and the hooting of the crowd can be attributed only to excitement and a desire to see the home

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*Batted for Hughes in ninth luning. Earned runs—Philadelphia, 2. Two-base hits—Schreck (2), Bender, Murphy, Heyden, Sacrifice hits—Jones, Davis, Stolen base—Stahl. Double play—Nill and Stahl. Left on bases—Washington, 5; Philadelphia, 9, First base on balls—Off Hughes, 3; off Bender, 2. First base on errors—Washington, 1; Philadelphia, 2. Struck out—By Hughes, 2; by Bender, 6. Time of game—1 hour and 45 minutes. Umpire—O'Laughlin, Attendance—12,942.

GRAND STAND COMMENTS.

What Some of the Well-Known Spectators Thought of the Game.

"That was a near game," remarked a lady who accompanied President Ban Johnson to the opening contest of the championship season at National Park vesterday afternoon. This remark summarized the result of the game and voiced the sentiment of the 14,000 enthusiastic spectators. It was a loyal, enthus!astic, rooting concourse, and they did not lose an opportunity to give vent to the feelings which In the assemblage were representatives of ister, in his bizarre costume, surmounted by the cap, the red button of which showed him to be a mandarin of the highest rank, to the humblest street gamin, short in stature but loud in lungs.

commonly well-dressed turnout, many of the fair sex seizing the opportunity to display costumes which would have graced a Connecticut avenue Easter Sunday prom-enade. Under the circumstances and amid such surroundings it was little wonder that such surroundings it was little wonder that both teams were keyed up to the highest pitch and resolved to give the spectators the best exhibition of the national pastime that could be afforded. This contract was fulfilled to the letter, and when the crowds filed out of the inclosure after witnessing an hour and three-quarters of play there was but one sentiment, and that was both teams have made good. It is doubtful whether a more interesting game of base ball will be played on the local grounds this

It was an orderly assemblage and an un

Athletics and Nationals, April 14, 1903. Following are some of the comments heard:
The Chinese minister—"I was prepared for a good game of base ball today, for I have has been hitting well in practice games, and his batting eye returned as the Indian shot a fast one over about shoulder high.

Whack went the bat against the ball and I played on my class team, and I never lose a chance to witness the American

game."
Col. M. E. Urell-"Schalfly's throwing reminds me very much of Charley Snyder's palmy days when he snapped the ball with one motion. Manager Stahl has a gem second baseman."

Chief Engineer MacAllister of the revenue cutter service—"Poor Delehanty has a, worthy successor in John Anderson in left field. As a ground coverer Andy is a topnotcher, and shifting him from right field to his present position was a wise move." to his present position was a wise move."

President Fearn of the Gridiron Club—"I would not have missed this game for anything. I have a scoop on the boys who did not get out to the ball park this afternoon. It was worth the price of admission to witness the work of Lave Cross at third base."

Representative Cooper of Wisconsin—"I would never have forgiven myself if I had missed today's game, and I left the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the House office building as soon as possible."

John Hogan—"Manager Stahl has plugged up our former weak spots at second and

die seems to be their motto, and any club winning from them this season will have

to fight every inch of the way."

Chris Xander-"I have been getting tips on the boys in the exhibition games, and consequently I was not surprised at the showing they made today." Charlie Fowler-"I have been attending

ball games since 1865, when I was a student at Emerson Institute. In all the years that have passed I don't think I ever witnessed a more exciting or interesting contest than the one that has just closed."

Dr. W. S. Harban, the champion amateur

golf player of the District of Columbia— 'We were defeated but not dishonored this afternoon, and we made the champions put in their best licks to get out of the last

Assistant Secretary Taylor of the Treasury Department—"One of the regrets that I will have in leaving Washington will be my inability to follow the course of the Washingtons this season. Only business of the most urgent importance will ever keep the most urgent importance will ever keep the close of this season, or I have missed my my gives a good account of themselves at the close of this season, or I have missed the most urgent importance will ever keep me away from the ball park, and the more I see the game the more I enjoy it."

Private Secretary Babcock of the State

Private Secretary Babcock of the best team enjoys a game of base ball more than I do, Of course, we miss Cassidy, but we are all

infield in the American League than the one representing Washington. A little more practice in the position will undoubtedly prove that Nill has been a wise se-

City Treasurer Tom Robinson of Alexandria, Va.—"Anybody who has business to transact in my office this season must be prompt, for I don't want to miss an ex-hibition in which Washington takes part. I have as much local pride in the Natio as any one who comes to the game. And it is a pleasure to root for such a team as

Passenger Agent Hardwick of the Southern rallway—"It was a great relief when business was dispatched today so that I could get out and see this contest. Nobody has any kick coming over the performance and we lost because the Athletics outbatted us. Our boys are not quitters, but hold on like buildogs. They will keep the other fellows on their tip toes throughout the season, and Washington ought to head the

George Harvey, jr .- "When I am scoring a game and the ball goes out to Jones in center field on the fly I never look up, but mark the runner out. He is a sure thing if there ever was one, especially on balls

up in the air."

Representative Brantley of Georgia-"Putting Hickman over in right field seems to have been a wise move. I profess to be a judge of base ball, for I played with the university team in my state. The way Hickman bandles grounders and throws men out at third base makes him a con-stant menace to base runners. That's a crackerjack outfield Washington has now and it looks as though errors would be a scarce commodity in their records."

S. W. Woodward of the Boston House-"It did me good to get away from business but my nerves were on edge all through the game. It was an exciting experience, and I did want Washington to win against th set, however, and their exhibition against the Athletics deserves all the more credit from the fact that they were opposed to the strongest team in the American

William Wheatley, Georgetown's crack oarsman-"Since I have gone out of training in aquatic contests base ball can count on my lelsure moments, and particularly such an exhibition as I witnessed today. We had a game over in Georgetown this afternoon, but National Park for me every

Charles White, cashier of the Bank of Washington—"I never expect to be too old to go to a ball game. It is the greatest recreation a business man can have, and f was more than ever gratified that our short day at the bank enabled me to witness the opening of the championship season. Washopening of the championship season. Washington has reason to be proud of its ball team, which I consider one of the best, if not the best, we have had here since the Cincinnati Red Stocking contingent in the early seventies."

Frank K. Raymond, insurance agent— "With men like Harry Rapley, Tom Noyes and Secretary Minor backing up Manager Stahl, it is no wonder to me that Washington has such a capable corps of ball players. Under the present regime the club cannot fall to be successful, for the management represents all that goes with enterprise."

the bureau of engraving and printing are the most enthusiastic base ball patrons in our department. Look at them sitting down there now in the private boxes with all the paraphernalia for a good time, including cigars, peanuts, soft drinks and a brass band. With their red caps they look like a covey of woodpeckers, but we need some

covey of woodpeckers, but we need some red in the landscape."

Ex-Representative Mercer of Omaha—
"Where else would I spend a leisure afternoon than at the ball park? Washington's team has improved wonderfully since last season. I fail to find a weak spot in today's lineup, and they will make any club hustle to take a game from them."

President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor—"I am seeking relaxation from the labor situation to loaf and enjoy my soul as Walt Whitman so aptly said:
'A ball game is like a tonic to me when I feel run down and require recreation.'
Washington has a right to be proud of our boys this year." boys this year.'

boys this year."

L. E. Gannon. director of St. Matthew's Church choir—"Although busily engaged with the preparation of Easter music for tomorrow's services. I could not miss the oportunity to come out here this afternoon and see the ball going round and the boys gamboling on the green. It is more than forty years since I saw my first game of base ball, and I am as enthusiastic over it as ever."

Stilson Hutchins—"Base ball is the great-

up our former weak spots at second and third, and little Nill plays with more conthird, and little Nill plays with more confidence at short than I ever knew him to do before."

Jules Guthridge, representative of Henry Clews banking corporation—"One thing was demonstrated this afternoon, and that is, demonstrated this approach of Never say to the ball park for a bracer such as nothing else can afford in the line of amuse ment. Washington looks good to me this year, and the boys put up a gilt-edged article of ball against the Athletics. It carries me back to the old days at St. Louis, when

witnessing today's exhibition."

Senator N. B. Scott of West Virginia-"Whenever duties at the Senate are not too pressing National Park for mine. Together with the Chinese minister I enjoyed several of the exhibition contests played here last week and got a line in advance in their best licks to get out of the last condition to the last condition the last condition where the last condition is a second to the last condition t

and this has been my condition ever since the days I went to Young's School in this rooting for little Nill to make good at city. I played the game myself and think short." Disbursing Agent Rogers of the District when the Washingtons were stronger than building—"With Cassidy at short it is they are today, certainly not within my building—"With Cassidy at short it is they are today, certainly not within my doubtful whether there could be a better recollection. Bully for Stahl and the rest of the boys, and all we rooters can say and

OPENING AT NEW YORK.

Twenty-Tive Thousand Saw Highlanders Win.

NEW YORK, April 14 .- Twenty-five thousand persons attended the opening game of the American League season here today between the Boston and New York teams at American League Park. The contest was American League Park. The contest was looked a fine specimen of the high-bred worthy of the occasion, as it lasted through race horse. The Clown also showed to adtwelve innings, the winning run being made by Williams on a two-base hit and a single

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AT PHILADELPHIA: (11 innings.) R. AT BROOKLYN: AT CINCINNATI: AT ST. LOUIS-St. Louis-Pittsburg, postponed

Other Base Ball Games. At Norwich, Conn.-Norwich, 12; Montreal, East-

At Hartford, Conn.—Providence, 7; Hartford, 0. At Roanoke, Va.—St. John's College, 7; Roanoke, At Lynchburg, Va.—St. John's College, 1, Rolling, 2.

At Lynchburg, Va.—Baltimore Yanigans, 6;
Lyrchburg, State League, 3.

At Columbus, Ohio—Columbus, American Association, 9; Detroit, American League, 5.

At Ithaca, N. Y.—Cornell, 3; Lafayette, 0.

At Greensboro, N. C.—University of North Carolina, 19; University of South Carolina, 0.

At Atlanta, Ga.—Georgia Tech, 2; Vanderbilt, 1.

Atlanta, 8; Montgomery, 8.

At Birmingham—Birmingham, 3; Nashville, 2.

At Memphis—Memphis, 4; Shreveport, 8.

At New Orleans—New Orleans, 1; Little Rock, 4.

Memorial Day Regatta.

NEW YORK, April 14.-Representatives of fifteen local boat clubs met in Harlem this week and arranged a program for the Memorial day regatta. The senior four-oar gig was left off and was replaced by players. Under the present regime the club carnot fail to be successful, for the management represents all that goes with enterprise."

Superintendent Rhoades of the Treasury Department—"That hand of rooters from

GET-AWAY DAY AT BENNING

Eight Thousand Persons Present at the Close of the Spring Meeting-Pater Takes the Handicap-Dead Heat in the Steeplechase.

To say that the Washington Jockey Club | homestretch and, catching the flying Wood-To say that the Washington Jockey Club closed its spring meeting yesterday in the proverblal blaze of glory hardly does justice to the occasion. For a distinguished assemblage of fully 8,000 people, including a large proportion of ladies, crowded club house and stands to overflowing, testifying the stands to overflowing, testifying the stands to overflowing, testifying the stands to overflowing. The String Hunton's stands wood-line at the foot of the stand, beat him out in a game fashion. Very rarely does a two-year-old in April stand such a long drive as Orphan Lad did yesterday. And very rarely does a jockey show the head-work necessary to judge his pace as Miller did in this race. It was a noteworthy performance.

the layers in the financial battle of the

Pater's success in the second Benning handicap was easily the feature of the day, and the way the colt went the extra dishe back to the old days at St. Louis, when local feeling was divided between the Browns and the Maroons. Now that I am a Washingtonian I am deeply interested in the success of the team here. Nobody can question their skill or perseverance after witnessing today's exhibition."

and the way the con stay as well as sprint. And that to a man like young Mr. Hitchcock he is a cheap horse at the \$4,500 paid for him.

A colt like Pater, who is now in the pink of condition, ought to be able to continue his victorious career up north, where he is going, and to carry his new colors to the front on many more occasions. Then later on this season or next the timber game will undoubtedly be his.

Pater's Benning Handicap.

Scratching reduced the field for the stake issue considerably, and Pater was always Pater. But The Clown was well thought of by many good judges and was expected

furlongs.

Bobbie Kean also had some support, in spite of his big weight, although his trainer hardly expected him to do better than third, considering the weight he was conceding The Clown. Duke of Kendal, winner of the first Benning handicap at the opening day, was at long odds, emphasizing the char-acter of the horses he was now meeting, while as for Tickle and Flinders they were not seriously considered except for the small end of the purse.

Pater's appearance in the Hitchcock green was the signal for a warm greeting, and as the colt paraded in his new colors he vantage, but, as voiced in this column, he evidently is not as speedy as his brother in blood Pater, whatever he may be able to

do with him on a longer route.

Not just now, for Pater yesterday could have beaten The Clown and Bobbie Kean at a mile as easily as he did at seven furlongs. But as The Clown comes on in con dition he will no doubt improve greatly on ply went out as usual and smothered his company. Miller and the colt understand each other thoroughly, and while Pater is a rank horse the ninety-pound lad can place him in his races as easily as a much heavier has "placed" the colt in front.

A Speed Marvel.

In other words, instead of rushing Pater along at top speed, Miller, after taking a lead, takes a wrap on the colt and has him under a pull ready for any challenger. His 1.28 4-5 vesterday at seven furlongs ran as easily as he did it stamps Pater as able to carry his speed over a route. And right now it is difficult to say what is the length Jockey Miller won all his mounts during

the day, three in all, making eight suc-cessive races won by him in the last two days. During the eighteen racing days Miller rode in eighty of the ninety-nine races at Benning run on the flat. He won twenty-nine races. was second sixteen times and third eleven times, a record to

Under his pilotage Palora, a maiden, won the opening race yesterday at a good price, defeating winners like Nonsense and Caronal, horses that have shown well at this meeting. But Miller made every post a winning one, never letting Nonsense get to him in the final tussle in the home stretch.

It was the general opinion that Miller could have won on the second horse had the fiders been reversed, and the successful thousands as he brought Palora home a clever winner. The latter's owner, James McLaughlin, himself a great jockey in his day, said after the race that Miller was had ever seen, and he has mingled with the

Miller won the \$1,100 Jesse Brown stake on the two-year-old Orphan Lad in a style that was little short of sensational. Getting the worst of the break, Orphan Lad in a scramble of only half a mile was next to last as the field got under way. But Mil-

house and stands to overflowing, testifying most eloquently to the public approval of the sport provided.

And with a fast track the racing of the afternoon was eminently satisfactory to sport lovers, several close finishes and a dead heat in one of the steeplechases keeping up the excitement from first to last. While as favorites won four out of the six events, the general public got the best of the second steeplechase Ben Carekett.

In the second steeplechase Ben Crockett and Flying Buttress declined the issue, leaving six to go. Of these Hitchcock's leaving six to go. Of these over Colt's Phantom was a slight favorite over Colt's Thistledale, who was making his first appearance over timber. Backers of both were very confident, especially the Colt

No better contested steeplechase has ever been seen anywhere than the chase be-tween Thistledale and Phantom yesterday. The green horse had the speed of the tried performer, but the latter lay right at his hells throughout, the two horses always being close together. Thistledale made a blunder at the next to the last jump, where Phantom for the first time in the race headed him. Then, however, Thistiedale

closed up again with a rush. Dead Heat in the Steeplechase. Over the last jump and on the flat the

two horses came lapped, and neither could rom ten horses to six, those declining the get far away from the other in the run issue being Race King, Old Guard, Warn- home. First one and then the other ing and Right and True. This narrowed the showed in front, and twenty yards from home Phantom led by a good neck. But at odds on, late backers having to take a then he swerved a bit from distress, and as very short price for their wagers. But for Thistledale let out an expiring link the two the support awarded The Clown there would have been little or no betting against nouncement of a dead heat was greeted with loud applause, although Phantom backers thought that he had won by a

Grand Duchess wound up the day and meeting by a long-delayed victory under Burns' pilotage. The mare got away-well this time, and as Burns kept her moving all the way she lasted long enough to stall off the fast closing Setauket. The latter ran a good race, closing a big gap. Am-berjack beat Watercourse for third place, with Waddell a close fifth.

And then racegoers filed out of the track

with regret that the end had come until November. If the Washington Jockey November. If the Washington Jockey. Club should ever decide upon a summer meeting at Benning it would prove a successful one beyond a doubt. In the District the Benning meetings are eagerly looked

NOT A FAVORITE WON. Lilly Turner Captured the Belle Meade Stake.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 14.-Not a favorite won first at Cumberland Park today. Lilly Turner, at 15 to 1, captured the Belle Meade stake at four furlongs for two-year-old fillies. After being outrun to the stretch she came with a rush in the last hundred vards and was going away at the finish. The track was slow, after a hard rain last night, and a number of scratches resulted, the third race being declared off. Weather fair. The summary; clared off. Weather fair. The summary;
First race, five and one-half furlongs; selling—
Prestige, 98 (Pendergast), 4 to 1, won; Maj. Carpenter, 103 (Seder), 30 to 1, second; Tadellos, 87 (Oregar), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:11 2-5. Easley,
Spendthrift Helen, Telepathy, Oleasa, Sweet Atra
and Battle Creek also ran.
Second, four and one-half furlongs—Red Gauntlet, 105 (D. Austin), 8 to 1, won; Teo Beach, 110 (Troxler), 6 to 5, second, Warner Griswold, 108 (Nicol), 9 to 2, third. Time, 58 2-5. Dan Bradley,
Dan Bailey, Floral Queen, Attention and Skilly
also rin. also ren.
Third, mile and one-sixteenth; handlcap-De Third, naile and one-sixteenth; handicap-Declared off.
Fourth, Belle Mende stakes, four furlongs-Lilly Turner, 116 (D. Austin), 15 to 1, won; My Bessie, 116 (Nicol), 11 to 5, second; Saline B., 110 (D. Hall), 5 to 1, third. Time, 51 3-5. La Thorpe, Gangsaw, Skimmer, Ada Rice, Eva Iser and Poster (Rid also con-

Gangsaw, Sklamer, Ada Rice, Eva Iser and Poster Girl also ran. Pifth, five and one-half furlongs; selling—Clifton Forge, 112 (Nicol), 2 to 1, went Gold Zone, 100 (W. Daly), 7 to 5, second; Billy Handsel, 106 (Munro), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1.11. Perrin Clark, Strader and Billy Boyles also ran. Sixth, mile and one-eighth; selling—Lace Jocelyn, 102 (D. Bolard), 4 to 1, won; Drexel, 105 (Nicol), even, second; Long Bright, 88 (Organ), 9 to 1, third. Time, 2.01. Little Boy, Sanction, Set Shark, Annie Berry, Sam Craig and Henry A. Schroder also ran.

OAKLAWN MEETING CLOSES. Getaway Day at Hot Springs Without

Special Feature. HOT SPRINGS, Ark., April 14.-After forty-nine days of continuous racing the meeting at Oaklawn closed today. Getaway day was without special feature. Faverites and second choices fared well, Amador, winner of the first race, being the only outsider to win. Weather clear; track fast, First race, six furlongs-Amador, 96 (C. Ross), 8 to 1, won; Ina Gray, 95 (Scoville), 5 to 2, second; Piry, 106 (Callus), 8 to 1, third, Time, 1.15. Conde, Marpessa, Tomochichi, Mart Gentry, Ora Viva, King Wilda also ran. Second race, four and one-half furlongs Storm,